

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2006 - 3

RESCHEDULING PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE PARISH OF JEFFERSON

WHEREAS,

"in order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral process and provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons seeking to qualify or exercise their right to vote, to minimize to whatever degree possible a person s exposure to danger during declared states of emergency, and to protect the integrity of the electoral process," the Louisiana Legislature enacted R.S. 18:401.1 to provide "a procedure for the emergency suspension or delay and rescheduling of qualifying, absentee voting in person, and elections";

WHEREAS,

on September 12, 2005, pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:401.1(B), the secretary of state certified to the governor that as a result of Hurricane Katrina a state of emergency exists in the parish of Jefferson and recommends postponing and delaying the October 15, 2005 special primary elections in the parish of Jefferson for Judge, Court of Appeal, 5th Circuit, 1st District, Division B; Member of School Board, District 4; and Councilman, District 2, city of Kenner, and the November 12, 2005 special general elections in the parish of Jefferson for Judge, Court of Appeal, 5th Circuit, 1st District, Division B; Member of School Board, District 4; and Councilman, District 2, city of Kenner;

WHEREAS,

Executive Order No. KBB 2005-36 was issued on September 14, 2005, postponing and delaying the special primary elections scheduled for October 15, 2005, and the special general elections scheduled for November 12, 2005, in the parish of Jefferson, based on the certification of the secretary of state;

WHEREAS,

on January 12, 2006, the secretary of state made a written recommendation to the governor that the special primary elections scheduled for October 15, 2005 may be rescheduled for April 1, 2006, and the special general elections scheduled for November 12, 2005 may be rescheduled for April 29, 2006;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1:

In accordance with the procedures set forth in R.S. 18:401.1, and on the written recommendation of the secretary of state, the October 15, 2005 special primary elections in the parish of Jefferson for Judge, Court of Appeal, 5th Circuit, 1st District, Division B; Member of School Board, District 4; and Councilman, District 2, city of Kenner are rescheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2006; the November 12, 2005 special general elections in the parish of Jefferson for Judge, Court of Appeal, 5th Circuit, 1st District, Division B; Member of School Board, District 4; and Councilman, District 2, city of Kenner are rescheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2006. Notice of the rescheduling of the October 15, 2005 special primary elections and the November 12, 2005 special general elections shall be given in accordance with R.S. 18:401.1(C).

SECTION 2:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if any polling place in the parish of Jefferson is determined destroyed, inaccessible, or unsafe for the October 15, 2005 special primary elections rescheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2006, and the November 12, 2005 special general elections rescheduled for April 29, 2005, as soon as practicable, the parish clerk of court in conjunction with the local parish governing authority shall designate alternate emergency polling places. Notice of the location of the alternate emergency polling places shall be

advertised, published and/or broadcast by all reasonable available means of communication.

SECTION 3: Communication.

This Order is effective upon signature.



ATTEST BY THE GOVERNOR

/S/ Al Ater SECRETARY OF STATE **IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 24th day of January, 2006.

/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA